



Lester Sinclair, Toronto playwright whose radio adaptation of Shakespeare's play King Richard II will be broadcast on the Trans-Canada network, April 21, at 10:00 MST. At 27 Sinclair is not only known as an author but also as an actor, literary and music critic and mathematician. He is one of the principal contributors to the Sunday Night Program Stage 48.



IT'S NO HONEYMOON

Judging from the countless inquiries, misconceptions and stories in circulation, including rumors or higher prices being in the making and shortages likely to come as a result of the effects on Canada of the operations of the so-called now famous Marshall Plan for European Economic Recovery, it is important to tell the man in the street that many of these are nothing more than mere rumors based on speculation since so far "on the spot" in Ottawa officials have been extremely cautious in making any commitments or even forecasts what ERP will actually mean in detail to Canada. The man in the street should know the whole truth and that is the situation is still under review. It is expected to be for some time yet.

What is known in reliable quarters here is that the fundamental principle of ERP is to build up the economies of certain European countries and raw materials as well as machines rather than many finished products will likely be most in demand for this objective. Of course, it is learned that some "straight relief" as one official put it, will be needed but the all-important point, is that this whole ERP aims at putting these countries back on their feet so that it is a good guess that the quantities of goods possibly sought from Canada will eventually turn out to be far different or lower than rumors seem to suggest.

This is reported because there appears to be growing belief in many parts of Canada that ERP will provide a honeymoon for Canadian suppliers, thought this is not correct, nor does it justify any excuse to anticipate shortages or price boosts, even if official efforts, it is hinted here are being made to increase all Canadian exports under ERP or otherwise. It is also evident here that under ERP there may be minor increases in the quantities of Canadian exports overseas of certain commodities, one official estimates here predicting 10%, but the significant change will still be in the financing of such exports rather than the quantities. Indeed this is why so many salesmen or business men are reported already to have come to Ottawa for "orders" or to look around though they are now leaving rather disappointed, especially since it is understood that the ERP plan is to build up certain countries by immediate "straight relief" where this is essential or otherwise supply them with necessary goods such as, railway equipment, farm implements, fertilizers, machines etc. Obviously this should tell the man

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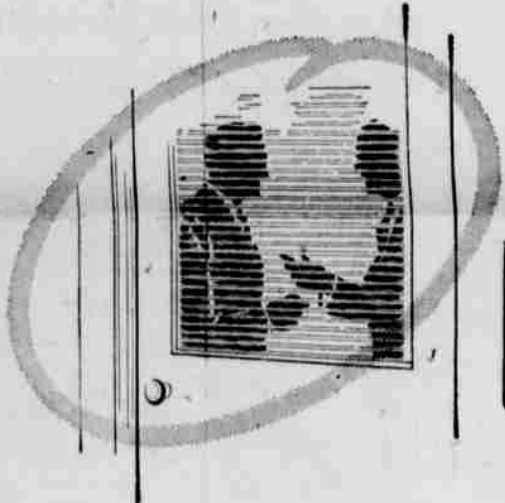
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Appointment of H. J. Mather

On behalf of the Line Elevator Companies sponsoring this Department we take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. H. J. Mather, B.Sc., as Assistant to Director, Line Elevators Farm Service. Mr. Mather succeeds Mr. E. Robertson who recently accepted the position of District Seed Analyst, Plant Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture at Winnipeg. It is most gratifying to us that Mr. Robertson, the officer in charge of our own seed testing laboratory, should be selected for a post of such importance and responsibility in the Canadian seed testing field.

Mr. Mather is no stranger to Western Canadian agriculture. He was raised on a farm and educated in Alberta. Specializing in soil science, he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Alberta in 1933. After his graduation Mr. Mather was engaged in soil survey work in Alberta, and from 1939 to 1942 occupied the position of Supervisor of Illustration Station, Dominion Experimental Stations, Lethbridge and Lacombe, Alberta. In 1942, Mr. Mather accepted the position of Supervisor of Soil Conservation and Weed Control with the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Edmonton; a position he filled with distinction until his recent appointment.

As technical advisor to the newly established Chemical Division, Line Elevators Farm Service, Mr. Mather will be in a position to assist prairie farmers with their chemical weed control problems. In this work he will be assisted by some 2,500 Line Elevator country grain buyers throughout Western Canada. Mr. Mather's sound training, wide experience and recognized ability in dealing with two of Western Canada's most important and pressing agricultural problems—Soil Conservation and Weed Control—qualify him well for his new position.

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to take part in meetings of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Defence Science in London; the Canadian Government has boosted its estimates for defence research this year to \$15,997,392 against \$13,031,834 last year as well as provided an "open ended" bank account of at least \$20,000,000 for the Defence Department "just in case". Dr. Varnevar Bush, President and Chairman of the Carnegie Institute and of the Research and Development Board respectively under U.S. secretary of Defence, has visited Ottawa for conferences and inspection of the National Research Council, looking in on Chalk River's atomic energy activities; "universal voluntary" military training has been suggested in the House of Commons by an MP. There have been other significant developments suggesting preparedness in defence matters "just in case".

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

During a noisy debate on a public bill, Speaker Gaspard Fauteux, requesting the members not to interrupt the member who had the floor of Parliament and bearing in mind the heated all day debate on human rights as well as fundamental freedoms the previous day, remarked "It should not be necessary to pass a bill to guarantee freedom of speech in this chamber".

DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED

Under the War Service Grants Act, a five-man board of review was established to consider whether veterans dishonorably discharged should be granted gratuities and re-establishment credits. The board granted the gratuities to 1,752 of these and refused the grants to 2,814 others, having still 322 cases to study. Once the board's work was completed, it is understood here it would be discharged and a committee of officers of the Veterans Department would be established to consider any new evidence presented in cases where the veterans have been refused grants, with a bill providing for dismissal of the board of review and the appointment of such

a departmental committee having been adopted here.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

"This is one of the freest countries in the world", remarked Justice Minister Halsey in the House of Commons. "It had nothing to be ashamed of by comparison with any of the nations."

"The butter business is highly competitive and you might almost say cut-throat" commented a witness before the Prices Committee of Parliament, Henry L. Walters of A.A. Ayer and Co. dairy dealers of Montreal.

"The freest people of the earth fear the results of another war and are willing to go to almost any extreme to prevent it", said Fleet Admiral William Halsey in this capital.

"We know that in Canada there are Communists at work, endeavoring to stir up discord and discontent declared State Secretary Gibson during an address here.

"Unless we feed the starving children of Europe, they will be our enemies" said Mrs. Jean Henshaw who spent two and a half years in Europe with UNRRA. "If we feed them they may be our friends of tomorrow."

"Thus, our two countries are brought closer together", remarked the Italian Minister to Canada, Count Carlo Fecca di Cossato, pointing out the aid which Canada has given to the people of Italy.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

Canadian business and industry are showing intense interest in supplying the Canadian Government or other agencies with goods believed necessary for the U.S. Marshall Plan, judging from the inquiries reaching officials here and the actual salesmen coming to this capital with this objective.

In regard to the anticipated heavy movement of immigrants to Canada this year it is learned that at least 50% of them may be from the U. Kingdom when arriving by air transportation.

A little lady in green, Mrs. Margaret Wainford, president of Canadian Women's Union, (continued on page 5)

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